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Applicant(s): Andrew Doddington Examiner: Kimberly M. Lovel

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FOR DECOUPLING DATA PRESENTATION LAYER AND DATA GATHERING AND STORAGE LAYER IN A DISTRIBUTED DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

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Amendment

Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the December 29, 2009 Election of Species Requirement issued in connection with the above-referenced application. A response to the December 29, 2009 Election of Species Requirement is due January 29, 2010. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.